

Phillips Refinery Oil Spill

Case History: On November 12, 1994 an oil spill from the tank farm at the Sweeny Complex of the [Phillips Petroleum Company](#) entered a storm water holding pond. This spill was within the Phillips Plant (on private property) and did not enter any public waterway or wetland; however it did impact migratory birds that inhabited the pond. Many of these animals were collected, cleaned and later released back into the environment. The Trustees have proposed a settlement for injuries to these natural resources that involved the transfer of a forested bottomland hardwood community over to the management of a public resource agency. Phillips Petroleum contacted the FWS at the time of the spill and offered to donate over 440 acres within the [Columbia Bottomlands](#) area as compensation. This important habitat has been incorporated into the San Bernard NW as part of the Austin's Wood Complex.



Migratory birds were impacted by the Phillips Oil Spill.

Responsible Party: Phillips Petroleum Company.

Trustees:
[Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#)

[DOI-FWS](#) (Authorized Official designation to FWS Region 2 was finalized in June 2000)

Current Status: The FWS determined that 24.5 acres would adequately compensate for injuries to migratory birds. Phillips donated the entire 440 acre bottomland hardwood parcel to the FWS.

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